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SUBJ: EASTERN BLOC ACTIVITIES IN PENINSULA AND THE GULF

FOLLOWING POINTS, EMERGING FROM CONVERSATION WITH RUSSIAN  
CHARGE ELISSEEV AND TWO WITH NEW RUMANIAN AMBASSADOR THIS WEEK,  
MAY BE WORTH NOTING:

1. AT BULGARIAN RECEPTION RUSSIAN CHARGE COMPLAINED TO ME  
ABOUT DIFFICULTY RUSSIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS CONTINUED TO HAVE  
IN TRYING INCREASE THEIR CONTACTS IN LOWER GULF STATES AND  
TOTAL INABILITY TRAVEL TO SAUDI ARABIA. ONLY LOCAL TASS  
CORRESPONDENT, CHARGE SAID, WAS ABLE MOVE ABOUT RELATIVELY  
EASILY IN LOWER GULF. I ACKNOWLEDGE HIS PROBLEM AND OFFERED  
PERSONAL BELIEF RUSSIANS WASTING THEIR TIME TRYING PENETRATE  
ARABIAN PENINSULA AND GULF FROM KUWAIT. "IF THAT IS TRUE",  
CHARGE REPLIED, "WE MIGHT AS WELL GO HOM BECAUSE THAT IS OUR  
MAIN MISSION HERE IN KUWAIT". HE SAID HIS VIEW WAS THAT PROGRESS

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IN GULF AS WELL AS SAUDI ARABIA LIKELY BE NEGLIGIBLE UNTIL

FAISAL PASSED TO HIS REWARD. I TOLD CHARGE MY OPINION WAS RUSSIAN PROGRESS WITH SAUDIS, WITH OR WITHOUT FAISAL, NOT LIKELY BE SIGNIFICANT FOR AT LEAST AS LONG AS SOVIETS INSISTED ON BACKING DHOFAR REBELS AND ENCOURAGING PDRY TO ANNOY SAUDIS. CHARGE NODDED UNDERSTANDING AND MOVED OFF WITHOUT FURTHER COMMENT.

2. RUMANIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD ME:

A. SULTAN QABUS HAD AGREED TO OMANI-RUMANIAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, AND SMALL OFFICE IN MUSCAT SOON TO BE OPENED WITH HIMSELF AS NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADOR.

B. YUGOSLAVS SCHEDULED OPEN DIPLOMATIC OFFICE IN MUSCAT ALSO ON SAME BASIS ABOUT NOV 1, WITH YUGOSLAV AMB TO KUWAIT AS NON-RESIDENT AMB.

C. HE IS EXPECTING VISIT OF RUMANIAN PRESIDENT CEACESCU TO KUWAIT ABOUT FEB 1, 1975.

D. DURING HIS RECENT SWING THROUGH LOWER GULF STATES HE FOUND RULERS REASONABLY RECEPTIVE IN PRINCIPLE TO ENTERING INTO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH RUMANIA; BUT ALL SHOWED CONCERN IN VARYING DEGREES OVER REACTION OF KING FAISAL. AMIR KHALIFA OF QATAR STATED FLATLY THAT QATARI-RUMANIAN TIES IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL RUMANIA HAD FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA.

E. AS HE SEES IT, TOP SOVIET AIM IN PENINSULA-GULF AREA IS ENTERING INTO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA. HE BELIEVES THEY WOULD BE WILLING ABANDON AID TO DHOFARI REBELS AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF PDRY ACTIVITY AGAINST SAUDI ARABIA TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE.  
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